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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently asked the DGCA to conduct surprise checks at various airports to ensure that cargo carried by various courier companies on scheduled domestic flights does not exceed the prescribed limit;

(b) if so, the number of surprise checks conducted by the DGCA till date; and

(c) the outcome thereof alongwith the number and the details of airlines found guilty and the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)has conducted surprise checks at various airports to ensure that cargo carried by various courier companies on schedule domestic flights does not exceed the prescribed limits.
(b): A total of 60 surprise checks have been conducted by the DGCA till date.
(c): No discrepancies were observed except in two cases involving Indian Airlines Ltd. and Jet Airways who were found to be carrying excess cargo than that was recorded. Details of the observations are:
i) The cargo consignment on Indian Airlines flight on 22.06.2003 was found to be 121 kgs more than the recorded weight.
ii) The cargo consignment on Jet Airways flight on 18.6.2003 was found to be 10 kgs more than the recorded weight.
Airlines as part of their safety oversight programme, are required to carry out regular checks with respect to loading of aircraft and accuracy of load and trim sheets. In the instance cases, the airlines were asked to ensure compliance with the requirement.